

The Butler Didn't Do It

James Hardy, a price-winning mystery screenwriter, is the darling of both the critics and the press. In fact, each of five of his screenplays earned him the prestigious Chandler Award in a different year. As he accepted the award for each movie (no two of which feature the same main character), Hardy obligingly uttered a different, quotable line for the press. From the information provided, determine the year (1977, 1983, 1987, 1990, or 1994) in which each movie (two of which are *The Jilted Sister* and *The Pompous Pilferer*) won the award, the main character (one is Percy Link) in each film, and the quotable line (one was “I can’t believe I won!”) Hardy uttered when accepting each award.

1. *Harry’s Heist* won the 1977 award
2. Hardy remarked that “The butler never does it!” when he received the Chandler Award for the movie featuring Alan Jeeves as the hero.
3. As he accepted the award for *Don’t Blame the Butler’s Sister*, Hardy lifted a line from that movie’s protagonist, Marvin Poole, calling the award “An honor I didn’t expect.”
4. Betty Kramer is the heroine in the movie that won the 1987 award.
5. Hardy uttered the line, “Wait until the next one!” exactly six years before he won the award for the movie with Cathy Miranda as its heroine. He received the Chandler award for *Lost Loot* exact three years after he responded to an award with the unforgettable quote, “A writer must write.”
6. The movie for which Hardy won the 1983 award has the word “sister” in its title.

This chart is to help you record information from the clues as well as the facts you deduce by combining information from different clues. I suggest you use an “X” for “no” and a “•” for “yes”.

		MOVIE					MAIN CHARACTER					LINE				
		Don't Blame Butler's Sister	Harry's Heist	The Jilted Sister	Lost Loot	The Pompous Pilferer	Alan Jeeves	Betty Kramer	Cathy Miranda	Marvin Poole	Percy Link	The butler never does it!	An honor I didn't expect.	I can't believe I won!	Wait Until the next one!	A writer must write.
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